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Cargo Transportation through Waterways
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to start integrated cargo transportation along various waterways in the country;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the Government proposes to give more priority to waterways transportation in the country; and
(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING
(SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a)&(b):Yes, Madam. Cargo transportation on National Waterway-1 (NW-1) (River Ganga), NW-2 (River Brahmaputra), NW-3 (West Coast Canal in Kerala) and on NWs in Maharashtra and Goa is already taking place. The terminals/ jetties in these NWs are connected with road. Presently, the Inland Waterways Authority of India terminal at Pandu (Guwahati) also has rail connectivity.

To provide integrated cargo transportation on NW-1 (River Ganga), construction of three multimodal terminals at Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh), Sahibganj (Jharkhand) and Haldia (West Bengal) has commenced.

(c)&(d):To promote Inland Water Transportation as a cost effective, fuel efficient and environment friendly mode of transport, construction work for multimodal terminals and navigational lock has commenced on NW-1 (River Ganga) under Jal Marg Vikas Project (JMVP) with the technical and financial assistance of the World Bank. In addition, NW-4 in Andhra Pradesh and seven new NWs have been approved for development in a phased manner.
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